

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of treating a surface for the removal of a surface portion comprising irradiating the surface with laser light, wherein the irradiation is effected by covering said surface in a sequential manner with a plurality of discrete spots of laser light. The spots of laser light overlap and may be arranged in a geometric arrangement defined by the locations of the centers of the spots of laser light. The spots of laser light may be applied sequentially.